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DIED.

GORHAM—Monday, January 11, at her residence, No. 129 West street, of pneumonia, Mrs. M. J. Gorham, a widow from the residence, Wednesday, at 2 p. m.

Cherryman & Buxton, funeral directors, No. 10 Potomac street.

MAX IS BLAMELESS.

He is Not Responsible for the Disgraceful Marriage Service.

Max O'Rell, the noted French wit and author, is a guest at the Hotel during his stay in Grand Rapids. A reporter for THE HERALD found him in his room yesterday busy engaged in shaving. Monsieur O'Rell, that being his real name, is a rather tall, thick-set, keen eyed Frenchman. His face is not so smooth and regular as his pictures would indicate, but it is much more expressive. Being extremely nearsighted he wears glasses continually. "This has been a very successful trip," he said. "Of course, like all other lecturers, I make a fizzle of it sometimes; but every lecture this trip has been successful."

"One of your books has been suppressed in the library here, on the ground of immorality," said the reporter.

"Really," he said as he turned with a quizzical look. "What book is it? and why was it suppressed?"

Upon being told, he said: "So the librarian thinks the English marriage service immoral? Well, so do I. I don't dispute with her about that; but I am not to blame for it. It is only a quotation that I took from the service. It is a vile, coarse, disgraceful ceremony. The idea of bringing a pure innocent girl to the altar and then pouring such disgraceful, disgusting stuff as that into her ears. I married an English woman and was married in the English church, and I wanted to get down on my knees and apologize to her. I am not objecting to their taking the marriage ceremony from the Bible, but when there is so much in the Psalms that exalts love and marriage I can't see why they should use such a filthy, disgusting service. But that is where the Anglo-Saxon coarseness crops out. There can be no doubt but the Teutonic races have a grain of coarseness running through their natures. The Germans are coarse; but they have become more cultured and aristocratic than the English and Americans, consequently much of this coarseness is concealed. In Germany the peasants go to church Sunday and then spend their time in listening to good music or looking at the pictures of Murillo and Raphael. But here in America they close up everything like that. If the lower classes do anything they drink beer and, what is worse, poor whisky. All on account of the miserable hypocrisy of your 'unco guid.' I don't know whether or not there is a hell, but if there is one it is paved from beginning to end with hypocrites. I shall stay here tomorrow and rest," said he in speaking of his trip. "Do you know the Morton house? one of the most home-like hotels in the United States? You come here and they shake hands with you and say, 'We know you would come and stay with us, so we have reserved a room for you.' Then they send you to a room that is well furnished and has excellent pictures on the wall—just what any one wants when he is away from home. And the general Max sunk down in a stuffed chair and looked supremely comfortable."

PASTORS IN CONFERENCE.

A Learned Discussion of a Deep Subject—An Error Corrected.

At the pastors conference yesterday afternoon Dr. John M. Davies, of the Immanuel Presbyterian church read a paper on "Pre-millennialism." After giving the biblical promises concerning the millennium, the doctor entered into a discussion of the two main points of the difference between the doctrines of Pre-millennialism and the common doctrine of the church, viz: the belief of the Pre-millennialists that the Lord Jesus will open the thousand years of the millennium in person, and that there will be two resurrections, one at the beginning of the thousand years and one at the close. The speaker reviewed briefly the different interpretations given the vision of Nebuchadnezzar, in the second chapter of Daniel, upon which the Pre-millennialists base much of their belief. Several arguments were made against the doctrine of the subject in hand, and in closing, Dr. Davies said that the spectacle of Christ coming in glory and destroying humanity simply because they had not accepted the gospel, was one that was in entire opposition to everything in Christ's character, and that it could not be tolerated for a moment by any sober mind.

In discussing the subject, the Rev. Thos. G. Smith maintained that while Dr. Davies had labored hard to sustain his argument, in refuting pre-millennialism, he had fallen far short of the promises of God. "To reject pre-millennialism one must reject the parables. Without the belief it would be impossible to explain many of the things written in the Bible."

Dr. Cobb supported Dr. Davies' views on the subject. All of his studies had convinced him that the pre-millennialists hadn't a leg to stand on. "If it had not been for the twentieth chapter of Revelation the theory would never have been thought of. But the pre-millennialist's theory doesn't explain that vision. I can't explain it. It is not given for us to know all things."

The other pastors present expressed their views as favoring those expressed in the paper.

A communication was read from James Lowe, in which he censured the conference for the action taken last Monday (favoring the rendition of the oratorio, Messiah, on Sunday night, as reported by the Democrat. Mr. Lowe thought but few people would see the difference between a sacred concert at Redmond's and a sacred concert—even in oratorio—at Hartman's hall.

Rev. Albert Smith expressed grief at the action as reported in the Democrat. President Mallory said The Democrat's report was wrong, that the conference did not take any action in the matter of the oratorio last Monday, but had simply listened to the apology of two gentlemen for not attending the meeting made by the conference the preceding week, that the oratorio money would give the concert on some other evening than Sunday.

Dr. Cobb said the two gentlemen had

not only given the reasons why the oratorio could not be given on other than Sunday evening, but had made several statements concerning the "Messiah" that had changed his mind very materially about it. For his part, considering that every word of it was scriptural, and that the music was perfectly proper, he would have no more hesitation about having it sung in his church at Sabbath service than he would about having "Old Hundred" sung. As to Mr. James Lowe's letter, the doctor said its "implications and insinuations were impudent, simply impudent."

It was moved and carried that the letter be laid on the table.

Dr. Gallup will address the conference next Monday, subject, "The Psalms."

DEALERS IN STONE.

Michigan Marble and Granite Men's Annual Convention.

The Michigan Granite Dealers' association will hold its annual convention in this city beginning Wednesday, at Sweet's hotel. Several important matters are expected to be brought before the body; prominent among them will be the revision of the constitution. The association is comparatively young, having been organized at Detroit in March 1891. The object of the association is to seek to protect its members from the effects of dishonest and false representations made by other salesmen and to give their customers confidence in the business dealings and goods offered by the members of the association. One of the rules of this association is the strict observance of business honesty and veracity in selling goods, and any member who is detected in making sales through false representations is reported to the association and his name is immediately placed on the black list.

When the dealers organized one year ago reports were heralded over the country that another trust had been organized and that the price of marble and granite goods would be raised. This is denied by prominent dealers, who say that there is nothing existing of a trust incorporated in the organization and that patrons are equally protected with its members. The officers are: President, Philo Truesdell, of Port Huron; secretary, B. L. Pease, of Detroit. Mr. Pease is now a resident of Vermont and the body is virtually without a secretary. Officers will also be elected at the convention.

Notwithstanding the rather stormy character of last night's weather, the Fountain street Baptist church was filled by an enthusiastic audience to listen to the wit and satire of Max O'Rell, the brilliant child of sunny France. A report of Mr. O'Rell's lecture would necessarily be unsatisfactory. He discussed everything pertaining to America from the dullest to newspaper reporters and from the characteristics of hotels to the brilliant qualities of American women. He paid a tribute to the beauty, intelligence, nobility and independence of the American woman and a still nobler tribute to the chivalry and manhood of American men.

Their Action Void.

The by-laws of the St. Cecilia society contain a clause which reads that "the board of directors shall transact all business of the society." The vote taken last week by which it was decided to sell the property is considered to be void under the section as the decision was made by the society. It is probable that the meeting to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the chapel of the West Michigan college will be very interesting.

Aided by His Friends.

The friends of E. S. Somes, who is suffering untold torture from alkali poisoning contracted while at Wichita, Kas., are taking a subscription for his benefit to send him to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment. He is a cripple just able to move about on crutches. Mr. Somes is a well-known newspaper man, having been connected with the local press for many years.

Grand Lodge of I. O. B. B.

A meeting was held by the members of Julius Houseman lodge I. O. B. B. last evening and measures were taken for entertaining the delegates to the district grand lodge which meets here Feb. 8. The district convention is expected to be attended by 1,000 delegates. The visiting delegates will be banqueted at the Morton house in a style that will be the most elaborate on record. The district convention will probably continue two days.

Logan Post Installation.

On the evening of Jan. 7 the following officers of John A. Logan post were installed for the new year: Commander—W. W. Fowler. Senior Vice—E. Carolan. Junior Vice—W. Judd. Adjutant—T. Gridley. Surgeon—C. F. Hicks. Chaplain—J. S. Ross. Quartermaster—J. Zimmerman. Officer Day—J. H. Delaney. Officer Guard—J. H. Smith. Sergt. Major—S. Heath. Quarter Master Sergt.—A. Hydorn.

Cut Down His Income.

The new mortgage tax law does not provide for the register of deeds reporting the number of mortgages recorded in his office for which he received 10 cents each. This makes a difference of over \$600 in the income of Register Skinner. It is probable that the supreme court will declare the law to be void.

Officers of the Club.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Workingmen's Bicycle club the following officers were chosen: President H. M. Dunham; vice president, Joseph Perkins; secretary, Homer Klap; treasurer, Bert Leonard; captain, John G. Klap; lieutenant, Frank Shultz; trustees, D. P. Clark, John Hazewinkel, G. S. Seely.

Good Chance For Kruse.

The family of Anton Radeka is reported to be in straitened circumstances. It consists of the father, mother and five children who are all sick and unable to procure the necessities of life. Those who are charitably inclined can find the sufferers at the corner of Emerald and Capen streets.

Iron Men Want to Come In.

Secretary Kinsey of the Improvement board, will go out of the city this morning to consult with an iron manufacturer concerning that talks of locating in the city. The matter will not be made public until plans are consummated. Mr. Kinsey will return this evening.

Dancing for the Grangers.

The society people of Paris township have organized a class of fifty and have engaged Miss Fannie Wilcox and her

assistants to give them dancing lessons every Wednesday night in the Paris Grange hall. The first lesson will be given Wednesday night.

Elected Civil Officers.

The board of directors of the Innes Kidus met last evening and elected the following civil officers: President, John H. Schouler; treasurer, John H. Haze; secretary, John C. Boon. The executive committee of the armory will meet next Friday evening.

Masonic Secretary Pro Tem.

H. W. Walker of Lansing, has been appointed temporary secretary of the Michigan Masonic Mutual Benefit association to relieve Secretary Benedict, who is not able to attend to the duties of the office on account of sickness.

Cleared at the Custom House.

Eight cases of paints from London, Eng., were cleared at the custom house yesterday by the Anti-Kalsonina company, and J. A. J. Friedrich cleared three cases of musical instruments from Hamburg, Germany.

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Lotie Brown, No. 419 North Iowa street, Lazie Barkma, No. 37 Third avenue, scarlet fever; Laura Afton, No. 367 Turner street, diphtheria.

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Any one wishing to purchase a brass or iron bed will find it to their advantage to visit the special sale at the Ives Mattress Co., No. 29 Canal street.

If you want a Decker Bros., Steiny, Bohr Bros., Everett, Ives & Pond, Krakauer Bros., Smith & Barnes, Mason & Hamlin, or a Howard piano, go to Hartman's music house, he has them all. Should you want sheet music or musical merchandise of any kind, there will your wants be supplied. Nine pianos were sold last week and Mr. Hartman expects to double the number the coming week.

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